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Dear Councilmember Davis - I am writing to wish you all the best with your mayoral campaign and to bring to your attention a concern that I have with the conversion of single-family housing zoning. While there is no data supporting the hypothesis that this concept will lead to greater affordable housing stock, Seattle is a case in point that demonstrates the actual negative impact of such a policy. I invite you to watch this short 7 minutes video outlining how the elimination of single-family zoning led to environmental devastation and displacement of long-term residents of the Ballard community in Seattle. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEJ8tfplZcs>

I am deeply concerned about the potential massive displacement of low-income renters in downtown San Jose given the proximity to the new Google campus. Over the last couple of years many small immigrant businesses near the San Jose Diderion station were forced to leave when their buildings were purchased by Google associated real estate companies.

Affordable housing is a great need in our city but the proposed changes to the general plan will only exacerbate the problem when the new housing units are sold at market price. The risk to the immigrant community is far too great so I urge you to vote no on the proposed changes to the 2040 general plan. Real estate investments firms are known to make lofty promises to build affordable housing but in the end they always fall short.

Furthermore, increasing housing density in neighborhoods that were originally planned for single family homes will add to traffic and parking congestion, overload our fragile infrastructure, lead to the loss of trees, and price out of the market first-time homebuyers. The elimination of single-family zoning is such a significant break from San Jose's established zoning policy that it should

only be decided at the ballot box by San Jose's voters. I respectfully ask that you and the City Council avoid a unilateral decision on enacting such a detrimental policy.

Best wishes - Nathalie Hunton

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